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A daughter was born on Sunday to
Mr. and Mrs. Norman A. Marra.

Mr. Basel's new ice cream stand in
West Astoria is about completed and
will be ready for business on Thurs-
day.

The new residence of Captain John
Pickernell, at the corner of Third and
Bond streets, is almost ready for oc-

cupancy. The captain has sold his
former residence on the hill and will
remove to the new home next week.

Probate Judge Trenchard yesterday
made an order directing sale of the
personal property of the estate of
Michael Sharp, deceased.

Recently a man wrote the Push Club
asking for information as to the pos-
sibilities for chicken raising in this
county. He was assured the local
field was a good one, and yesterday he

reached the city, with a carload of
stuff, including his household effects
and a large number of chickens.

Rev. Larsen will speak tonight at
the Peniel Mission at 8 o'clock. A
feature of the service will be an in-
strumental duet, violin and organ, by
Mrs. Larsen and Miss Elsie Larsen.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Net-
tie Johnson was held yesterday, the
interment being in the Red Men's
plot in Greenwood. The late husband
of the woman was a member of the
order.

The funeral of the late Peter Wolff
was held on Sunday. The interment
was in Greenwood and the expenses
of the burial were borne by the Sons
of Hermann, of whom, however, the
suicide was not one.

There is no change in the fishing
situation, and light catches are re-
ported by all of the fishermen. The
seiners and trapmen continue to
make small hauls, and the fish taken
are not nearly so large as is usually
the case. An improvement is looked
for shortly.

The ladies of the Methodist church
will entertain their friends at the home
of Mrs. Gerding on Eleventh street this
afternoon. The entertainment will be
in the nature of a tea, at which re-
freshments will be served, games will
be played and a program of music
will be rendered.

County Clerk Clinton yesterday
sent to State Treasurer Moore a re-
mittance of \$13,250, the first install-
ment of Clatsop's share of the state
tax and \$530 as this county's portion
of the tax for the state agricultural
college. Clatsop's state tax for this
year is about 40 per cent greater than
that for last year.

The Knappton mill will be closed
down indefinitely, in pursuance of in-
structions received from San Fran-
cisco. It is expected the mill will re-
main in idleness until the condition
of the lumber market shows improve-
ment. The mills of the northwest
have been suspending operations for
the past four months, but those lo-
cated near Astoria have been more
fortunate and have been able to con-
tinue work almost at full time. In-
deed, some of the mills have at times
found it necessary to run overtime to
fill orders.

Hon. John H. Smith has declined to
act as one of the democratic presi-
dential electors in Oregon and the
state central committee will select
someone in his place. Mr. Smith has
forwarded his declination to Chair-
man Sweek, of the state committee.
He explains that he is now out of the
political arena and desires to remain
out of it. The nomination of Mr.
Smith was unanimously made and,
for he is very popular with the demo-
crats of the state, and there will be
disappointment when it becomes gen-
erally known that he has declined to
allow his name to be used.

The county republican central com-
mittee held a meeting last night, but
failed to fill the vacant place on the
legislative ticket. The committee is
not at sea as to a candidate, but the
name of the gentleman to whom the
nomination has been offered is with-
held for the time being. He has been
tendered the place, but will not make
known his intention until tomorrow
night, when the committee will meet
again. The prospective candidate is a
resident of the country and is re-
garded as a very strong man politi-
cally. The time of last night's meet-
ing was largely taken up with con-
sideration of campaign measures.

Local authorities disclaim all knowl-
edge of the reported arrest at Port-
land of Fritz Larson, who was said to
have broken into the room of a friend
living in this city and stolen a suit
of clothes, an overcoat and a sum of
money. According to the Oregonian,
Larson was arrested at the Union
depot by a detective on complaint
wired from Astoria. Sheriff Linville,
Chief of Police Hallock and Constable
Uttinger are all in the dark with re-
ference to the matter, and it is believed
by the officials Larson was arrested
on some pretext that cannot be made
to hold good in a court of law. Lar-
son is now in the city.

"Down in Egypt" was played by the
Wiedemann company to a packed
house at Fishers' last night. The peo-
ple seemed pleased with effort of the
actors to entertain and frequently ap-
plause showed close sympathy be-
tween those before and behind the

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footlights. A feature of the perform-
ance was the introduction of choice
vaudeville between the acts. Mr.
Wiedemann and his clever wife have
surrounded themselves with an ex-
ceptional company, in many respects
one of the best that has showed here
for a long time. Tonight the four-act
comedy drama, "Love Finds a Way,"
will be put on. This play is by the
same author as "In Old Kentucky,"
and is deserving of a full house.

Mayor Suprenant stated yesterday
that the plumbing ordinance would be
brought up for consideration at the
next session of the council. The coun-
cil committee to which the matter was
referred has agreed on the terms of the
measure, but it was not drafted in time
for presentation at the last session.
Mayor Suprenant says the ruling of
the Portland court that the state law
is unconstitutional will not affect the
local situation, as the council may
pass such measures as it deems ex-
pedient for the regulation of such mat-
ters. The ordinance defining the fire
limits and regulating the size and num-
ber of entrances to public buildings
will be brought up for final action next
Monday night.

Some time ago the fisheries com-
mittee of the Chamber of Commerce re-
quested Senator Fulton to try and have
a salmon hatchery located on the
Warm Springs Indian reservation. Sen-
ator Fulton has replied, inclosing a let-
ter received by him from the chief of
the fisheries department of the govern-
ment. The chief seems to think a
hatchery at the location named would
not prove very successful, but admits
that it is worth the trial. He says he
would be glad to experiment and asks
whether or not it is desired some chil-
nook salmon fry be planted there. The
letter has been referred to the fish-
eries committee of the chamber and
that body will probably request that
the location be tried out. There is
some sentiment in favor of the location
of hatcheries near Astoria, and the
committee is to make investigation for
report along this line.

R. B. Dyer is in receipt of an in-
teresting letter from George D. Gray,
president of the Gray Steamship Com-
pany, with reference to the betterment
of the service between this city and
San Francisco. Locally complaint had
been made that Astoria was not being
treated fairly by the company. Mr.
Gray replies at length, setting forth
that there is not now enough business
to justify the operation of another ves-
sel to Astoria and Portland. He be-
lieves an additional vessel at this time
would cost his company \$2000 monthly.
However, he hopes business will in-
crease to an extent that will justify
the company in putting on a larger
passenger steamer. He states further
that he is anxious that Astoria shall
have equally as good service over his
line as Portland enjoys and will take
steps to see that such service is ren-
dered. The Alliance is one of the
Gray line steamers.

The Chamber of Commerce last night
devoted much of its time to considera-
tion of the matter of marking the his-
toric spots of Clatsop county, and
concluded by instructing B. Van Dusen,
this county's representative on the
Lewis and Clark fair board, to ask an
appropriation of \$5000 or such other
amount as may be necessary to fittingly
designate the spot on which Lewis
and Clark erected their winter quar-
ters about 100 years ago. Members of
the chamber agreed that every effort
should be immediately made to secure
the proper marking of historic spots.
It was pointed out that there would
be great future interest in these mem-
orable places, and that, as it was even
now extremely difficult to definitely lo-
cate all of the places, much greater
difficulty would be experienced in after
years. The discussion took a very wide
range and members even got into con-
troversies as to the exact location of
certain places of great historic interest.
The grave of McTavish, one of the Fort
Astoria celebrities, for instance, led to
prolonged discussion, and there was a
lively difference of opinion as to where
the remains of this historical character
rested. The discussion brought out the
interesting fact that the Portland vul-
tures had swooped down upon the
peaceable City by the Sea and made off
with the monument which marked Mc-
Tavish's grave in Hillside cemetery,
and the opinion was expressed steps
should be taken to recover this monu-
ment. Judge Bowlby, who is devoting
much attention to the location of Fort
Astoria, believed the site of the fort
should now be definitely located and a
proper monument erected. He was like-
wise anxious to have all historic spots
marked, and believed such marking
would add materially to the tourist
travel of the city. Mr. Van Dusen will
ask the Lewis and Clark fair board for
the sum named by the chamber, and,
as Clatsop's share of the fair appropria-
tion was \$20,000, it is anticipated
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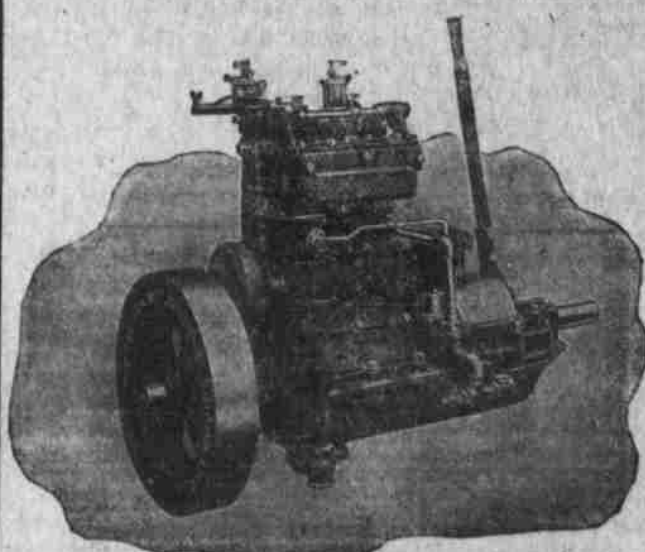
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